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The Newsletter for License Coordinators of  
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*This monthly newsletter provides the inside scoop on how you can maximize the use of TeachingBooks.*

***Please forward pertinent information to your colleagues.***

### **NEW: Materials Supporting Common Core Standards for E.L.A. & Literacy**

Explore ready-to-use instructional support materials for information texts at all grade levels (aligned to the Appendix B Text Exemplars reading list and supplemental booklists) AND examine TeachingBooks' vast collection of lesson plans and novel units (17,000+) that offer reading questions requiring knowledge and direct consideration of the text. All of these Common Core materials are available on the home page (look for the red and white Common Core logo when signed in), or go directly to:

<http://TeachingBooks.net/CommonCore>

### **Two Tips for Teachers & Librarians**

#### **Tip 1: Provide Ready-to-Use Instructional Materials for the Books Read In Your School**

Give your colleagues ready-to-use instructional materials for the trade books used in K–12 classes. First, search for titles and authors in the TeachingBooks.net database, and then easily share these materials directly with any colleague by clicking on the “Email” or “Share” links on the blue bar at the bottom of your Internet browser.

#### **Tip 2: Meet the Author the Moment You're Reading a Book**

Host an author in your elementary school library with one of TeachingBooks' original Meet-the-Author videos—anytime. For example, lay out your Kevin Henkes books (such as *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse*, *Chrysanthemum*, and *Olive's Ocean*), book talk the books, and show the [movie of Henkes](#) in his studio. Everyone will love seeing him draw Kitten and Lilly and learning about his writing process. (You can access all “Meet-the-Author” movies we've made from the “Author Programs” red tab on the top of the home page.)

### **Easily Distribute Resources About Books & Authors**

Easily distribute resources about books and authors to colleagues with a new web tool available on every page of TeachingBooks. Just ask someone what book they are reading, and instantly give them ready-to-use instructional materials from TeachingBooks to enliven their reading and teaching experience.

You can now:

- Email a collection of ready-to-use resources about a specific book or author.
- Bookmark resources for later use.
- Put resources from reading lists on your own web pages.
- Use TeachingBooks' resources with some of your favorite social networking sites.

Access these new sharing tools from the bright blue bar found along the very bottom of your web browser. We hope this enhancement helps support your reading and library work while informing more colleagues about the resources you teach with.

### **NCTE: Anyone From Your School Attending?**

Visit Nick Glass (TeachingBooks' Founder) at **Booth # 517**. It'll be a pleasure to show you how TeachingBooks' instructional multimedia resources about books and authors can engage and excite readers.

P.S. Today, we'd like to share some free and enjoyable opportunities that support the mission of TeachingBooks. These opportunities include the chance to win free elementary and YA books—including an extensive classroom prize pack for the Guardians of Childhood series by William Joyce! See all contests and giveaways for November at:

<http://forum.teachingbooks.net/?p=7161>